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STANDARD OF THE COURTS GET CODE JAR

In Dissenting Opinion of Judge Hurin in Raudabaugh Case in Local Courts.

Lower Court Sustained in Claim of D. C. Knox for Damages Against L. E. & W.

Presiding Judge Silas E. Hurin of the Circuit Court of this district created a stir among local members of the bar last Wednesday evening and established a precedent for the Circuit Court by dissenting from the majority decision of the State Supreme Court, in filing a minority report to the decision of Judge Kinder and Deputy Judge in the case of I. F. Raudabaugh, plaintiff in error, vs. The Incorporated Village of Celina, heard before the court sitting in this city Tuesday and Wednesday.

The court reported on the case submitted to them during the term here shortly before five o'clock Wednesday evening.

The appeal cases of Andrew Shellenbarger vs. C. S. Mauk, and Mason A. Brown vs. I. N. Kiser et al., having been passed, Judge Kinder reported the findings of the court in the case of the Lake Erie Freight car, in which he had placed a quantity of hay for shipment to Cincinnati. The Common Pleas Court found in his behalf, and the Circuit Court now adds its approval. The damages awarded amounted to about \$175.

Judge Donnelly then reported on the case in which I. F. Raudabaugh was plaintiff in error against the village of Celina, stating that the court found that the lower court did not err, but that Judge Hurin did not agree with the majority opinion.

It will be recalled by those conversant with the case that a couple days after the total destruction of the old Hole & Fanger grist mill by fire a few years ago, the Beaver mills, Mr. Raudabaugh's property, adjoining on the north, caught fire one afternoon, presumably from sparks from the smoldering ruins of the grist mill. Mr. Raudabaugh suffered some loss from fire and water, and as a result, shortly after filed a suit in the Common Pleas Court against the village, asking damages to the extent of \$4,000, charging in his petition that the fire was the result of negligence and carelessness on the part of the local fire department. The Common Pleas Court found against Mr. Raudabaugh—no cause of action—the finding being based upon decisions of the Supreme Court, i. e.: that a municipality was not liable for the conduct of its police and fire departments.

Judge Donnelly, in reporting the case, spoke very highly of the petition presented by Mr. Raudabaugh and of the research into the law in his bearing on the case and its presentation to the court by him. They were reluctant, he stated, to take the case, but that the only question in the petition was the liability of the municipality. He referred to numerous decisions of the Supreme Court, that the police and fire departments were not ministerial but governmental, and therefore a part of the city.

Judge Hurin then filed a minority report, stating that he could not in justice to himself agree with his colleagues on the bench. He said that the reports of the Supreme Court on similar cases as to the liability of a municipality were so conflicting that he was unable to follow them. He stated that when he had heard and looked into a similar case which was pending before them in Anglin County. The case of David Hellwarth vs. The Village of Celina, an appeal, was passed.

Horton Seems We've Heard That Name Before.

Judge Hurin stated that the court would not at this time report their findings in the John Horton grain goods case, but would reserve their decision until they had heard and looked into a similar case which was pending before them in Anglin County. The case of David Hellwarth vs. The Village of Celina, an appeal, was passed.

Notice of Assessment

To All Members of Marion Mutual Fire Insurance Association:

The Directors have agreed to make an assessment of one and one-half per cent. on their assessment basis, and is payable between November 15 and December 1, 1910, and is payable at either of the following places:

Commercial Bank, of Celina; St. Henry Bank, St. Henry; People's Bank, Coldwater; Ft. Recovery Bank, Ft. Recovery; Farmers' Bank, Chickasaw; Henry Moellers, Secretary, St. Rosa (Chickasaw R. D. No. 1).

This assessment is made to cover the losses of Ben Rose, Ben Post and several small losses.

ANT. M. Every person who insures in this association agrees and binds himself to pay his respective share of all losses and expenses as demanded by assessment notices which the Secretary, from time to time, may be made inside of thirty days from date of publication of assessment notice, to the Secretary of Association. If payment is not made in thirty days, there is a penalty of 50 per cent. shall be added, which penalty and assessment shall collect assessment and penalty by law.

HENRY GOTTSCHELOW, Pres't.

HENRY MOLLER, Sec'y.

Result of Corn Contest to Be Given Out To-Morrow

Secretary G. S. Nuding announces a meeting of the Mercer County Corn Improvement Association for to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Mayor's office.

The results of the recent variety contest will be given out at that time. There is also some very important business to be brought up. Everybody interested should attend.

Court Matters

Mabel Carpenter last week filed divorce proceedings in Common Pleas Court against her husband, Willis Carpenter, asking also for alimony and the custody of their child.

In the same petition, but including B. F. and M. A. Carpenter as defendants, she makes a second action for an accounting, to set aside a bill of sale and for equitable relief.

Norma Frysinger against Harriet Hayes, widow of the late L. D. Hayes, Francis Shafer, Sallie A. Hekelmeier and Peter Hayes is a suit in partition filed last week. The land is described as being about eighty acres out of the south east quarter of Section 6, Godfrey's Reserve, town 4 south, range 2 east, Dublin Township. Petition states that plaintiff is owner of an undivided equal one-fourth part of said estate of the late Lewis D. Hayes and prays that her interests be set off if possible, and if not, that the premises be sold and partition made accordingly.

Matilda Sudhoff et al. vs. Mary Wellman is a suit in partition filed last Saturday by the plaintiffs through R. H. Hartford, an attorney of Portland, Ind.

The First National Bank last Friday filed a suit in foreclosure against A. B. Newcomb, The Commercial Bank and W. C. Stubbs, the property in question being Lots 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the subdivision of In-Lot 14 of this city. The plaintiffs pray for a finding against said defendant, A. B. Newcomb, in the sum of \$109.40, with interest from Oct. 24, 1910, and for a further finding against said defendant in the sum of \$1,800, with interest from Aug. 5; also that the defendants, The Commercial Bank and W. C. Stubbs be required to set forth their respective claims.

The St. Henry Building & Loan Association against Isabella and Philip Balmert is a suit in foreclosure filed last week on lot 56 of the J. C. Gilbert addition to the village of Burkettville. Plaintiffs claim \$302.23 due on a mortgage and ask that above premises be sold to pay the debt.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Earnest Bader, a trusted employee at the Messman Bros. & Brantley furniture factory in this city, and Miss Barbara Boise, a popular and accomplished young lady of Washington township, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage by Rev. Kauffman Thursday morning, the 24th ult. Following the ceremony the young couple immediately drove to Celina, where they took the train for Dayton for a short visit with the groom's sister, Mrs. H. Ford. In a short time Mr. Bader and his accomplished young bride will be at home to their many friends in the city. The young people have a host of friends who join in wishing them all the happiness wedded life affords.

Emmett Hickson, of Ottawa, and Miss Sue Bogart, of Center Township, were united in marriage by Rev. Baders of the Celina M. E. Circuit, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bogart, six miles northeast of this city, last high noon Wednesday. The groom is one of Putnam County's prominent and highly respected sons and president of the Y. M. C. A. at Ottawa. The bride is one of Center Township's prettiest and accomplished daughters. Following the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served to the immediate relatives, after which the young couple left for a few days' honeymoon to Detroit, Mich.

Personal

—Miss Emma Ott returned Monday from a visit at Dayton.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jeffries, of Tama, left this week for an indefinite visit with relatives at Los Angeles, Cal.

—Mrs. J. H. Romer, of St. Henry, has returned home after a visit with her son, Prosecutor John G. and Ed F. Romer and families.

—Misses Salome and Adarene Linn, of Chattanooga, were in this city last Monday on their way to Dayton, where they will spend several months.

—Mrs. W. E. Stanbery and son, of Chicago, Ill., have returned home after a visit with the former's parents, Commissioner and Mrs. Isaac Kiser in Center Township.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Leatherbury, of St. Henry, were in the city Wednesday on their way home from Kokomo, Ind., where they had been spending a week with their daughter.

—Mrs. Minnie Huber has returned to Fort Wayne, Ind., after a visit of two months with her mother, Mrs. Mary Boz, Tonelle street, who accompanied her for an indefinite stay.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rice, of Shelby, Ohio, and Mrs. Harriet Post, of Mansfield, returned to their respective homes last Monday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rice in Hopewell township.

—Mrs. Chas. Lutz went to Cleveland Monday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Crow. Mrs. Clarence Rice, who has been spending several weeks with Mrs. Crow, her sister, has returned to her home here.

—Chas. and Lorder Fisher, of Van Wert County; Daniel Reardon, of Sandusky; Wm. Fisher, of Lima, and Wm. Kirchner and family, of Winchester, Ind., were among out-of-town relatives to attend funeral of Mrs. Shell Fisher yesterday.

Antiseptic Remedies
Destroy disease germs. Dr. Bell's Antiseptic is an antiseptic remedy for external pains, is almost instantaneous. Sold by all dealers.

ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE

Many Neighbors and Friends Wend Their Way, a Toll to the Relentless Reaper.

[Daily Standard, November 29.]
Ford Lewis is dead.

Celina seldom or never had a greater shock than that conveyed by the words which startled the town at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Ford Lewis had been seen on the streets going to and from his home. He did not retire as usual, but sat up through the night in an easy chair, with his wife resting on a couch by his side. At the usual hour she arose to prepare her breakfast. Greeting her with a kiss, he said to Mrs. Lewis he was better. She had turned to roll back the cover, when she heard his gasp and the end came like a flash. Her agonizing cries brought the neighbors, but human aid was not needed. He breathed his last at 6:45.

Ford Lewis was one of the best known residents of Celina. He came here in 1857 and opened a photograph gallery. He was engaged in the business elsewhere, coming from Nevada, O. Before choosing that profession Mr. Lewis had been a successful teacher. He taught for six years in Van Wert County, and in Wyandot County he was superintendent of schools at Watrous and Ada.

He was born in Clermont County, Ohio, October 20, 1848. He was a son of James S. and Nancy Lewis, and was one of 12 children. Attending the schools in his home vicinity, he later took a course in the Normal University at Lebanon, O., graduating from Ada in 1876, and again spent another year there in 1884.

Mr. Lewis was successful throughout his business career in Celina. Following the big fire in 1894, in which he was a loser with many citizens, he erected for his family the brick building on East Market street, where he continued to do business, excepting a brief interval of time, until he retired permanently from the business this present fall. His work had been crowned with success. He was recognized one of the best business men in this part of Ohio, and was twice elected President of the Photographers' Association.

The present year, feeling that he and his wife had well earned a respite from their unceasing work, he disposed of his business and with his wife was planning a winter in Texas and Mexico, where he had extensive land interests. He had earned his holiday, but the rest he so happily anticipated came in a different form from that which they had planned.

Associated always with him in his business life was his faithful, devoted wife. Possibly no other couple in Celina lived in closer sympathy with each other's aims than Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. They were devotedly attached to one another. They had no family, but their love for each other did not make them selfish. Rather it overflowed to include all those about them, and in the neighborhood of their home they were the center of the warm affections of all those who lived about them.

When Mr. and Mrs. Lewis came to Celina in 1887 they were welcome additions to the town and speedily became identified with its religious and social life. Both were highly intellectual, and Mr. Lewis was a fluent, efficient writer, and possibly one of his dreams of leisure was the time might be given to his favorite literary pursuits.

Fraternally, Mr. Lewis was a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Royal Arcanum. To the wife who survives him, Alice Clippinger Lewis, Mr. Lewis was happily married March 14, 1878, in Van Wert, and it is to her in his hour of earthly separation from him she held so dear that the sympathy of all Celina is extended in unbounded measure.

The Standard's graceful tribute to the living and the dead is not overdrawn. Mr. Lewis was a man of high ideals, generous, broad-minded, little understood even by those with whom he mingled. While uncompromising with the evils that afflict our social and governmental life, his meanness victims were simply men and women to him, to be treated courteously and compassionately. He was a man clean in habits and above reproach, a splendid citizen, an ideal neighbor. His life was few. His passing—peacefully and calmly as one who falls asleep—became the man. Peace to his ashes.

Miss Jeannette Cordier, aged 19, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cordier, residing southwest of this city, passed away last Sunday evening, death resulting from tuberculosis. Her funeral took place Wednesday from the Dunkard church, near the Cordier home. Her remains were laid to rest in the Swamp College Cemetery.

Ex-Sheriff George H. Houser, widely known throughout the county, died at his home in this city last Sunday morning from the effects of paralysis. The first stroke, about two years ago, rendered him almost helpless, and from that time until his death he gradually grew worse, and many times it was announced he was near death's door. The last year he was unable to leave his room.

As a public officer he soon much service and gained much notoriety. He served as town marshal almost continuously from 1871 until he was elected Sheriff in 1891, in which latter office he served four years.

On leaving the office of Sheriff Mr. Houser became engaged in the oil and gas business with varying success. Several times he might have quit with a good-sized fortune. Reverses came, and then ill-health.

Mr. Houser was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, June 6, 1831, and five years later came to this county with his parents. In 1868 he was wedded to Miss Maria A. Wolf, who, with three sons—John N., Francis M., and

Ode M.—survive him. He was a member of the order of Oddfellowship and Independent Order of Red Men. The former had charge of the funeral, which took place from his late home Tuesday, Rev. Byron G. Smith officiating. Interment at North Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Shell M. Fisher, whose critical illness was mentioned in last week's Democrat, passed away last Monday morning. Mrs. Fisher had been in declining health for the past couple years, but only in the last few weeks did the family realize the seriousness of her condition. Mrs. Fisher was 48 years of age, and was born in Cincinnati. She came to this county with her parents when a young girl. Her first marriage was with John Betz. In 1899 she was wedded to Shell M. Fisher, who, with a son by her first marriage—George Betz—a stepson, Ned Fisher; her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirchner of this city; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Flora, of New Castle, Ind.; Mrs. Samuel Thompson, of St. Marys; Mrs. Charles Shannon, of Lima, and a brother, Wm. Kirchner, of Winchester, Ind., survive to mourn the demise of a faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a dutiful daughter and a loving sister. She was esteemed by all who knew her.

Mrs. Fisher was a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, from which her funeral took place yesterday. Rev. Chas. Bennett officiating. Her remains were laid to rest in North Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Lucinda Shingledecker, past four score years and ten, died Tuesday morning at the home of her son, John Shingledecker, in this city, from the infirmities of old age. She was born in what is now West Virginia, November 16, 1817. She was united in marriage with Hiram Shingledecker, in Green County, this state, May 8, 1836. The family came to this county some thirty years ago. Her husband died in 1895. Besides the son with whom she spent her rookiest years, she was survived by a daughter, Mrs. Adam Binkley, of St. Marys.

Mrs. Louis Schuch, of St. Joe, this county, died yesterday morning, aged 41. Death was due to blood poison. She is survived by a husband and nine children, the youngest a babe of four weeks. Funeral services will be held at the St. Joe Catholic Church to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

Mrs. Anton Lammer, a well known and highly respected woman, died at her home at St. Henry last Saturday morning, aged 62. Her death was due to a stroke of paralysis sustained the day previous. She was born at St. Henry, and was married to Mr. Lammer in 1867. The husband and two children—Ben and Miss Monica—survive her. Funeral services were held Monday.

To Embark in Grocery Business Up at Hinton

Chas. Sealscott, of this city, and Albert Groth, of near Chattanooga, two prominent young men, have purchased the grocery and huckster business of J. H. Laudahn, at Hinton, and will assume charge of the new undertaking the first of the coming year. Both young men are well known in this county throughout the territory they will cover. Mr. Sealscott, who has been in this city for the past year, has gained considerable knowledge and insight to the grocery business, having acted as delivery clerk for the Ketchum Bros. grocery since this store was opened. The Democrat wishes them a successful business career.

Hand Badly Mashed

While trying to relieve the husking rolls of a corn shredder of a corn stalk last Tuesday, Peter Merz, of Chattanooga, had his hand badly crushed. No bones were broken, however, and no serious results are anticipated.

Rough Sliding

Wm. Monroe, a Butler township farmer, had his left hand badly lacerated on the 24th ult. while descending the ladder of a wind-pump derrick, when he let go of thinking he was near the ground. Realizing his mistake, he made an effort to save himself, and in doing so caught hold of a sharp projection, ripping open the palm of his hand and a finger.

Late Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. George Ryla are parents of a baby girl born last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Linn, of Liberty Township, are the proud parents of a baby boy born last Monday morning.

Try It, Try It

Try Dr. Bell's Antiseptic Salve for all skin troubles. It is as pleasant as sweet cream and guaranteed to give satisfaction in worse cases. 25c a box.

CELINA MARKETS

The following were the quotations for grain, live stock, poultry and produce in the Celina market yesterday evening.

(Furnished by Palmer & Miller.)
Wheat, per bush.....85c
Corn, per 100 lbs.....75c
Oats, per bush.....35c
Barley, per bush.....30c
Rye, per bush.....25c

SEED.
Clover, per bush.....\$7.25
Alfalfa, per 100 lbs.....7.10
Timothy, per bush.....6.50

HAY.
(Furnished by The Model Milling Co.)
No. 1 timothy, per ton.....\$12.00
No. 1 mixed, per ton.....9.00
No. 1 clover, per ton.....7.00

(Furnished by Chas. Weaver.)
Cattle, per 100 lbs.....\$4.00
Veal calves, per 100 lbs.....4.00
Hogs, per 100 lbs.....6.00

(Furnished by The J. A. Long Co.)
Fowls, per lb.....30c
Spring chickens, per lb.....35c
Cocks, per lb.....30c
Turkeys, per lb.....40c
Ducks, per lb.....30c
Geese, per lb.....25c
No. 1 hides.....70c

PRODUCE.
(Furnished by Laudaan & Menzies.)
Butter, per lb.....35c
Eggs, per doz.....30c
Lard, per lb.....15c
Tallow, per lb.....10c
Onions, per bush.....90c
Potatoes, per bush.....45c

Something Just as Good

Can only be the case when it is another bottle of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey. Every bottle the same. Look for the bell on the bottle.

WILL LEAD THE "DANDY DOCKS"

At the Inauguration of Governor Harmon at the State Capitol in January.

Major Clendenen, Our Former Townsman, Made President Famous Duckworth Club.

One of the liveliest elections of the Duckworth Club in recent years was that of yesterday. A total of 506 votes were cast. Many of the candidates did some great hustling, and in several instances the vote was very close, although the Blue, or regular ticket, had the best of it in the number of those elected. Thomas A. Hester was Judge and Robert McKiernan and Harry J. Krumpelbeck, clerks of election.

To facilitate the count a committee composed of Charles J. Nobel, Harvey Watts and N. J. Hirschfeld counted the ballots at intervals, using two boxes. As soon as about 200 votes had been deposited the committee substituted another box. In this way the result was known at 10 o'clock instead of 2 or 3 in the morning, heretofore.

For President, Byron M. Clendenen; First Vice President, Joseph M. Rice; Corresponding Secretary, Harry J. Krumpelbeck; Financial Secretary, Nicholas J. Hirschfeld; Treasurer, Henry Hater, Commander, Daniel J. Dalton, and Lewis G. Bernard, for committee on organization, had no opposition and were elected by a practically unanimous vote.

The "Ducks" will attend the inauguration of Governor Harmon in January about 150 strong. A large number have already applied for places in the line. —Cincinnati Enquirer, Nov. 27.

The above article from the Enquirer announcing that the guiding reins of the Duckworth Club had been placed in the hands of Byron M. Clendenen for the ensuing year was read with much interest by his many friends in this city. When the "Dandy Ducks" march in parade at Governor Harmon's inauguration in January they will be led by Mr. Clendenen, and those who know the military ability of the Major know that it will be properly done.

The famous Duckworth Club of Cincinnati has been a tower of strength to the Democratic party in Hamilton County for thirty years, and under Mr. Clendenen, with his well known capacity for political organization, that effectiveness will be increased in coming campaigns. We congratulate Mr.

Richard Dudley,
Woman Hater

By C. M. RANDOLPH

The great roof garden was like a congested artery, overcharged and throbbing with life. Everywhere the subdued coloring and the glare of white reminded one of the not far distant and restless sea. Little crowds surged here and there like the waves—dowagers at their afternoon cards, laughing, chattering girls, a sprinkling of tennis-clad youths or more sedate men in negligee suits. Walters were hurrying here and there, replenishing glasses and cups or bearing salads and ices. Suddenly one of these white, fluttering moths, carrying an overloaded tray, came into collision with a youth who was turning, raquet in hand, reluctantly from his "mash" of the day. The tray gave a great lurch above the elegant gown of a severe looking dame seated at one of the card tables. Just at this crucial moment, when the horrified grand dames were on the verge of a combined shriek, a tall, athletic, almost middle-aged man sprang forward, righted the waiter's arm with its accompanying load and was about to pass on.

"Why, Richard, is that you? How glad we are to see you," echoed simultaneously from the four pairs of lips. "Come," said the woman whose gown had been so miraculously saved, "join us in a little game of bridge. Do."

The man smiled politely with a refusal of the proffered place, stood a moment at punctilious attention—then passed on.

A little farther on, a giggling quartet of girls caught sight of him, and one of them, evidently the darling one of the group, motioned him to come to their table. She seemed a bit frightened after she had accomplished her end, for the man, who stood at her elbow in an instant, was cold, formal and unbending—seeming to expect something to be said. He was vastly unlike the old-young or young-old man in tennis garb who had accompanied her from the courts. The few words of cordially expressed good-by, which had been upon the girl's lips, froze into platitudes and, after a moment, the man, again, passed on.

The eyes of the five young persons followed him. "Awful jolly today, isn't he?" said the youth facetiously.

"I don't care if he isn't jolly," snapped the girl who had called him. "I like him, and he says a lot when he does talk."

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Clendenen upon the honor bestowed upon him by his Democratic friends in Cincinnati, and we congratulate the Duckworth Club upon its new President.

Among Our Friends

From a notice of a public sale, to be found on another page of this issue, we learn that our friend Albert H. Muth, and his estimable wife, living a short distance out of Ft. Recovery, will quit the farm and move into that town. Albert has recently had a modern and substantial home erected on the newly paved street, on the east side, and will proceed to be a little less strenuous so far as active work is concerned—providing he can. He has accumulated a good share of this world's goods, and has injured none of his fellows in doing so.

Our old friend Leopold Horns, of Victoria, made us a call Tuesday, leaving his annual renewal, which is always in advance.

Annual renewal and a Thanksgiving greeting comes from H. M. Brandon, of Portersville, Cal.; a renewal from that veteran Democrat and Harmon boomer, J. A. Lundenback, of Wabash, and old cronies J. H. May, of Coldwater, is duly acknowledged.

"LENA RIVERS" TO-NIGHT

The dramatization of Mrs. Mary J. Holmes' "Lena Rivers," which is finding so much favor, and which is to be seen at City Opera House this (Friday) evening is said to be cleverly arranged. Of course "Lena" is the central figure and around her grouped all the characters of the book. There is dear old granny Nichols, pretty and jealous Caroline, the old maid Nancy Scovendyke, and Durward Belmont, the handsome young southerner. Then there are two arch plotters, Mrs. Graham and Miss Livingston; the witty old Sagrow Easton and his wife, Aunt Debbie; the unhappy, yet witty, loving John Graham and Anna, the pretty sister of Caroline. Mrs. Graham moves through the piece and so does the village bumpkin, Joel Slocum. These are all capably drawn and equally well portrayed, and the play promises to win even more success than did the book. It has much to commend it, inasmuch as it is clean and wholesome.

Not Good

For everything, Sutherland's Eagle Eye Salve is good for nothing but the eyes. If you use it and are not satisfied come back and get your 25c. You be the judge.

I owned that place of his and all those motor cars and things. All the girls and their mammas like Dick Dudley, but he doesn't like them—not a little bit. My uncle belongs to the same club and he told me last night that Dick was tired of being molly-coddled, that he was dead tired of women. "Me for the big timber," said Dick, to my uncle. "Me for nature, where the soft breezes can lull me to my slumber and where there are no girls and no mammas. Oh, a bachelor's life for me." That's what Dick said, or words to that effect.

What the boy said was true to a certain extent, although Richard Dudley was too much a gentleman to have said the same in so many words. He had sold his motor cars; he had given up his suite at the club, he had closed his palatial home, because he was tired of women—young women, old women, middle-aged women. Thus far his life had been frittered away. He was past forty and now he must go in for some real thing. He loved nature and he could afford to be philanthropic and perhaps he would try both, but there must be no women—absolutely no women in the question. The frivolity of the sex palled on him as he walked away from the innate little group. He met on the stairs a would-be-young lady, who had come out years ago, when he, himself, had been a youth.

"Why, Richard," she said familiarly, "I hear you are going to leave us. How can you be so cruel?" The remark was simple enough, but the look above the elegant gown of a severe looking dame seated at one of the card tables. Just at this crucial moment, when the horrified grand dames were on the verge of a combined shriek, a tall, athletic, almost middle-aged man sprang forward, righted the waiter's arm with its accompanying load and was about to pass on.

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COMMISSIONERS

Slash Made in Compensation of Clerks of County Officers for Coming Year.

The Board of Commissioners last Friday entered into a contract with the Rockford Electric Light Co. for the lighting of the county bridge across the St. Marys River at Rockford for the sum of \$19.20 per year.

The following sums were fixed for the compensation of deputies, clerks, etc., of the various county officers for the ensuing year, which shows reductions in almost every office compared with the present allowance:

	1911	1910
Clerk	\$900	\$950
Probate Judge	600	600
Sherrif	720	1200
Recorder	780	720
Treasurer	900	1000
Auditor	1600	1500

Auditor J. L. Morrow, Coroner H. L. Light and Infirmary Director-elect Henry Niehaus each filed their bonds, in various amounts, for the faithful performance of the duties of their office.

The following bills were allowed last Friday and payable on and after the 30th:

Chas. Bollenbacher, assisting engineer
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